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Notice of Non-Responsive Reply--Failure to elect a single disclosed compound.

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 25-48 are pending in the instant application.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election with traverse of claims 25-35 where R_f is a radical carrying a perfluoromethylene group, which provides the link to the remainder of the molecule, R_1 and R_3 are hydrogen, and ψ is an electron-withdrawing group such that ψ -OH is an acid with a pKa in water of at most 8 in the reply filed on September 1, 2006 is acknowledged. Applicant's subsequent election defining R_f as a perfluoroalkyl of formula C_rF_{2r+1} where r is 1 to 10 and ψ -OH is an alkanolic acid having from 1 to 8 carbon atoms having a pKa of at least equal to approximately 2 on November 17, 2006 is also acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the compounds of Formula I are novel and unobvious. This is not found persuasive because the test for unity of invention is to have a common core structure that has a contribution over the prior art. The core structure was shown in the previous action and a reference that taught that core structure was provided. Applicant has not rebutted the Examiner's determination of the core structure.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

The replies filed on September 1, 2006 and November 17, 2006 are not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has not provided an election that defines exactly the R_f and ψ groups so that a search may be performed. Applicant may, as stated in the previous action, elect a single compound and the Examiner will attempt to group said compound such that the

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group as a whole has unity of invention. In the alternative, Applicant may elect one of the exemplary groups set out in the previous action. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

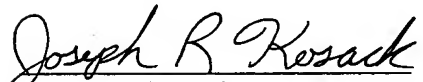
Telephone Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Kosack whose telephone number is (571)-272-5575. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 5:30 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

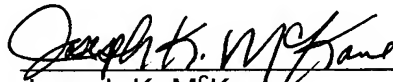
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane can be reached on (571)-272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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